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MEMORAHDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence Agency

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- 1. There is attached for your review the Report of the Agency Task Force of Directorate representatives which was formed at your request to develop recommendations for ground rules which should apply to any resumption by GAO of audit of Agency activities.
- 2. The report concludes with recommendations of principles which the Task Force believes would be useful for your consideration in negotiations with the Comptroller General. It is believed the suggested principles are equally applicable whether GAO review of the Agency is mandated by act of Congress or whether you determine on your own initiative to undertake negotiations for such a review.

John F. Blake Ecputy Birector For Administration

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REPORT OF AGENCY TASK FORCE REVIEW OF GAO AUDIT OPTIONS

Respectfully Submitted,
GAO Review Task Force

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See Comptroller's memo attached dated 9 December 1975

Comptroller

Chief, Audit Staff

* I believe Chief, Audit Staff, with his intimate knowledge of the manner in which GAO operates under Federal and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit Standards, should serve on the Senior Review Panel in at least an advisory capacity.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: GAO Audit

REFERENCE: Report of Agency Task Force Review of GAO

Audit Options dated 5 December 1975

As I believe Jack Blake has reported to you, I reserved a little more time to myself to read this report carefully. Most of my earlier objections have been removed, but I still have trouble with paragraph b on page 7. The problem is primarily that b(1), concerning identities of agents, etc., and the other subparagraphs, (2), (3) and (4), are apples and oranges. It seems to me that b(1) stands on its own merits, and any prospective GAO trespass should be resolutely opposed. The others make nice bargaining counters; we can give in if we have to, but not on names!

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JOHN D. IAMS Comptroller

cc: Deputy Director for Administration Director of Finance